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LETTER DATED 22 AUGUST 1991 FROM THE PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE OF IRAQ TO THE UNITED NATIONS ADDRESSED TO THE SECRETARY-GENERAL

On instructions from my Government, I have the honour to inform you that the United States Air Force continues to violate Iraqi airspace. The details of the most recent violations are as follows:

1. During the period from 20 to 21 August 1991, United States aircraft carried out, within Iraqi airspace, a total of 14 sorties, conducted by six formations of two aircraft each and two aircraft flying solo, at speeds of 700 to 800 km/h and at altitudes of 3,000 to 7,000 metres.

2. These sorties were centred on the regions of Mosul, Arbil, Dohuk, Rawanduz and Amadiyah and had the twofold objective of observation and provocation.

3. At 1031 hours, one of the enemy formations composed of two aircraft overflew an area situated south of the thirty-sixth parallel, 25 km north of Al Hadr, at a speed of 720 km/h.

I should be grateful if you would have the text of this letter distributed as a document of the Security Council.

(Signed) Abdul Amir A. AL-ANBARI
Ambassador
Permanent Representative